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CROP CONDITIONS.

LUXEMBURG:

On May 1, 1920, crop conditions according to the country's system (1 = very good; 2 = good; 3 = average) were as follows: Winter wheat, 2.0; spring wheat, 2.2; rye, 1.9, and oats, 2.2.

Czecho-Slovakia:

The condition of the different crops on May 1, 1920, expressed according to the country's system (1 = very good; 2 = above average; 3 = average; 4 = under average; 5 = very bad) were as follows: Winter wheat, 2.7; spring wheat, 3.6; barley, 2.4 and oats, 2.4.

(International Institute of Agriculture.)

ALGERIA:

July 9, 1920. The condition of the crops remains bad in spite of some recent rains. Some of the wheat has improved but unfortunately the grain is of the lightest, and as for barley and oats the production will probably be fair..

(Bulletin des Halles, France.)

FINLAND;

The following table shows the general condition of the crops in Finland on June 1, 1920, as compared with June 1, 1919.

Crop.	June 1, 1920.	June 1, 1919.
Wheat.....	5.9	5.3
Rye.....	4.9	5.9
Barley.....	5.8	5.7
Oats.....	5.7	5.4
Mixed grain.....	5.8	5.6
Leguminous plants.....	5.9	5.9
Potatoes.....	5.7	5.6
Root vegetables.....	5.8	5.7
Pasture hay.....	6.6	6.0
Meadow hay.....	6.0	5.9

Note: 8 = exceedingly good; 7 = good; 6 = above the average; 5 = average; 4 = beneath the average; 3 = bad; 2 = almost failure; 1 = failure.

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CROP CONDITIONS. - CONT'D.

BELGIUM:

Crop conditions at the end of April were generally favorable. Flax, owing to the great demand and high price, has been sown to a greater extent than last year. Hops are reported to be doing well.

(Consular Report.)

FRA E:

July 7, 1920. The grains are almost ripe. The cereals must be cut as quickly as possible. In every region the vines are magnificent and loaded with grapes. In the liberated regions wheat commenced to head 10 days sooner than in a normal season.

(Bulletin des Halles, France.)

ROUMANIA:

The situation has changed completely and it is confidently expected that this year's harvest will be one of the best. Wheat, barley, oats, and maize have a fine appearance.

Australia:

July 5, 1920. Beneficial rains and mild temperature throughout Australia indicate very favorable prospects for the season's crop.

GERMANY (PRUSSIA):

The condition of all the principal crops in Prussia, with the exception of winter rye and rapeseed, are exceptionally good and an abundant harvest is promised.

POLAND:

According to a report issued by the Department of Statistics, the prospects of this year's harvest are favorable.

SERBIA:

This year's harvest in Serbia promises to be abundant.

TUNIS:

The general condition of the crops is poor.

(London Grain, Seed and Oil Reporter.)

ARGENTINA:

Fine weather has continued to prevail generally and the crop outlook is unchanged.

(Corn Trade News, London.)

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CROPS IN GENERAL.

MACEDONIA:

It is estimated that the cereal crop yield of Macedonia will be from 25 to 30 per cent more than the autumn crop of 1919. Statistics on the autumn crop of 1919 now available show the following yield: Wheat, 564,000 bushels; barley, 1,057,000 bushels; corn, 705,000 bushels; oats, 529,000 bushels, and rye, 201,000 bushels.

(Commerce Reported.)

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CROPS IN GENERAL. - CONT'D.

ROUMANIA:

The area sown to cereals in Roumania in the autumn of 1919 is given as follows:

Crop.	Old Kingdom.	Bessarabia.	Bucovina.	Transylvania.	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Wheat.....	1,723,000	837,000	21,000	1,478,000	4,059,000
Barley.....	35,000	7,000	.....	161,000	203,000
Rye.....	122,000	268,000	39,000	59,000	488,000
Colza.....	31,000	1,000	.....	3,000	35,000

The spring sowing of 1920 is given as follows:

Crop.	Old Kingdom.	Bessarabia.	Bucovina.	Transylvania.	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Wheat.....	71,000	246,000	7,000	34,000	358,000
Barley.....	1,103,000	1,517,000	66,000	69,000	2,755,000
Rye.....	2,000	17,000	4,000	1,000	24,000
Colza.....	33,000	9,000	.....	.....	42,000
Corn.....	2,041,000	1,444,000	123,000	329,000	3,936,000
Oats.....	1,037,000	450,000	72,000	148,000	1,707,000
Millet.....	48,000	3,000	.....	.....	51,000
Flax.....	16,000	5,000	.....	.....	21,000

(Consular Report.)

BALKAN STATES:

The Czecho-Slovakia grain crops for the harvest of 1920 are expected to yield 1,000,000 tons, says the Journal Economique European, and of this quantity 400,000 will come from Bohemia and Slovakia, 175,000 from Moravia and 29,000 from Silesia. Crop forecasts received from Belgrade indicate that the Jugoslavian harvest will be exceptionally good, in fact the best in twenty years past.

(London Grain, Seed and Oil Reporter.)

CROPS IN GENERAL. - CONT'D.

AUSTRIA:

Area and Production of Crops in Austria.

(000 omitted.)

Crop.	Unit.	1918		1917		1913	
		Area.	Pro- duction.	Area.	Pro- duction.	Area.	Pro- duction.
		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.	
Wheat.....	Bushels.	400	5,159	411	5,993	486	10,653
Belt.....	"	(1)	9	(1)	5	(1)	5
Rye.....	"	773	10,604	820	10,922	1,006	23,780
Barley.....	"	255	4,233	268	3,291	327	8,242
Oats.....	"	651	12,933	700	10,901	857	32,091
Aslin.....	"	20	275	18	206	15	743
Corn.....	"	113	2,291	121	2,810	122	3,081
Blackwheat:							
1st crop.....	"	4	65	7	74	3	70
2nd crop.....	"	51	484	57	632	74	682
Millet and sorghum:							
1st crop.....	"	7	100	6	80	6	69
2nd crop.....	"	3	33	2	18	...	...
Peas and turnips.	Tons.	4	2	2	1	4	2
Beans.....	Bushels.	9	82	17	165	24	322
Peas.....	"	4	50	6	52	6	118
lentils.....	"	1	9	2	10	2	26
etches.....	"	4	54	5	51	6	130
Forse beans.....	"	2	22	2	27	...	...
Lupines.....	"	(1)	2	(1)	1	(1)	4
Legumes (total)...	"	20	218	31	306	38	598
Straw (total)....	Tons.	...	1,111	...	1,677	...	3,334
Poppy.....	Pounds.	4	1,950	4	1,453	4	2,420
Flax seed.....	Bushels.	6	35	7	45	9	67
Flax fiber.....	Pounds.	7	4,394	7	3,296	9	5,063
Hemp seed.....	"	(1)	131	1	265	1	482
Hemp fiber.....	"	(1)	395	1	502	1	428
Sunflower.....	"	(1)	19	(1)	191	(1)	66
Hops.....	"	(1)	139	1	268	1	260
Potatoes.....	Bushels.	287	21,495	323	32,890	398	55,421
Chicory.....	Tons.	1	3	(1)	3	(1)	4
Sugar beets.....	"	21	188	22	89	44	445
Fodder beets:							
1st crop....	"	87	597	91	396	145	1,296
2nd crop....	"	...	...	56	286	56	236
Rutabaga.....	"	3	17	8	21	...	...
Carrot.....	"	2	6	3	8	(1)	(1)
Herbs (kraut)....	"	26	159	32	96	37	248

(1) Less than 500.

(Anbauflächen und Ernteergebnisse.)

CANADA:

The acreage sown to wheat in 1920, including fall wheat, is now estimated at 17,186,300 acres which compares with 19,295,968 acres for 1919, and represents a decrease of 10%. Acreage of oats has increased 4% from 14,952,114 to 15,555,400 acres. Barley is sown on 2,588,000 acres, or 2% less than last year; rye 729,500 acres or 3% less; peas 2,588,000 acres, a decrease of 3%; mixed grains 909,350 acres, decrease of 2%; alfalfa 229,300 acres, increase of 1%. The acreage of potatoes is 819,000 acres, practically the same as last year.

(Consular Report.)

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WHEAT.

AUSTRALIA:

Area, yield per acre, and production.

Year,	Area.	Yield per acre.	Production.
	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1916-17.....	11,532,828	15.12	152,420,189
1917-18.....	9,774,658	11.74	114,733,584
1918-19.....	7,991,026	9.40	75,146,172
1919-20 (a).....	6,344,048	7.42	47,104,245

(a) Subject to amendment.

(Commonwealth, Bureau of Census and Statistics, Australia.)

FRANCE:

France requires about 330,000,000 bushels of wheat for home consumption; the 1919 crop did not exceed 184,000,000 bushels; that of 1920 will not suffice to avoid importation; it will scarcely reach 202,000,000 bushels.

(Bulletin des Halles.)

Morocco:

The Moroccan Government has decided to forbid the exportation of wheat for the following reasons:

Estimate of 1919-1920 crop.....	18,662,000 bushels.
Consumption of civil population.....	14,569,000 "
Seed.....	3,160,000 "
Total (consumption and seed).....	17,729,000 "
Resources.....	18,662,000 "
Requirements.....	17,729,000 "
Surplus.....	933,000 "

The surplus of 933,000 bushels is needed to supply the needs of the Army of Occupation.

(Bulletin des Halles.)

URUGUAY:

According to the Grain Commission (Comision Graniel de Cereales) there is now in Uruguay about 5,695,000 bushels of which 4,519,000 bushels will be made into flour and 1,102,000 bushels will be needed for sowing the next crop. There will be, therefore, something like 73,000 bushels for exportation. The commission calculates 242 pounds per year for each inhabitant of the population of 1,500,000. About 220 pounds were formerly calculated for each person, but, taking into consideration the fact the corn crop has been very short for the last two years, more wheat is allowed to be used as a substitute for corn.

(Consular Report.)

RYE, BARLEY AND OATS.

SPECIFIED COUNTRIES:

Area of rye, barley, and oats for 1920.

(1919 figures given in brackets.)

RYE (acres):

Belgium 531,000 (546,000); Spain 1,920,000 (1,809,000); France 2,001,000 (1,817,000); Roumania (former Kingdom) 158,000 (219,000); Bessarabia (winter rye) 129,000 (428,000); Switzerland 52,000 (55,000).

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RYE, BARLEY AND OATS. - CONT'D.

BARLEY (acres).

Belgium 80,000 (75,000); Spain 4,265,000 (4,254,000); France 1,449,000 (1,134,000); Scotland 185,000 (174,000); Japan 2,691,000 (2,931,000); Morocco 1,507,000 (1,523,000); Tunis 1,137,000 (977,000).

OATS (acres).

Belgium 566,000 (550,000); Spain 1,574,000 (1,595,000); France 8,166,000 (6,815,000); Scotland 1,110,000 (1,111,000); Switzerland 57,000 (57,000); Morocco 6,000 (7,000); Tunis 148,000 (127,000).

(International Institute of Agriculture.)

SILK.

WORLD:

The annual estimate of the raw-silk production of the world, compiled by the Union of Raw Silk Merchants of Lyon, France, shows for 1919 a decline of 3,430,500 pounds from the production of the preceding year and of 6,239,100 pounds from that of 1917, the association's figures for these three years being

Countries.	1917	1918	1919
	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
Western Europe:			
France.....	452,000	529,100	407,900
Italy.....	6,217,000	5,941,500	4,078,600
Spain.....	154,300	165,400	154,300
Austria.....	187,400	187,400	165,300
Hungary.....	143,300	143,300	110,200
Total.....	7,154,000	6,966,700	4,916,300
Levant and Central Asia.			
Far East:			
China (Shanghai).....	10,097,200	10,738,700	8,598,000
China (Canton).....	5,169,800	3,637,600	5,070,600
Japan.....	34,050,400	32,308,800	32,187,500
India.....	231,500	242,500	220,500
Indo-China.....	11,000	11,000	11,000
Total.....	49,559,900	46,938,600	46,087,600
Grand total.....	59,006,700	56,198,100	52,767,600

(Commerce Reports.)

WOOL.

AUSTRALIA:

Wool (as in the grease) produced during the years ending June 30, 1916 to 1919.

Year.	Production.
	Pounds.
1916.....	550,578,541
1917.....	547,632,674
1918.....	573,693,252
1919.....	(a) 351,968,710

(a) Excluding New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

(Commonwealth, Bureau of Census and Statistics, Australia.)

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RUBBER.

DUTCH EAST INDIES:

The production of plantation rubber in the entire Dutch East Indies was 25,972,000 pounds in 1914; 45,156,000 pounds in 1915; 77,007,000 pounds in 1916; 105,883,000 pounds in 1917 and 122,763,000 pounds in 1918.

(De Indische Mercur.)

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LIVE STOCK.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA:

Number of principal classes of live stock, 1918 and 1919.

Animals.	1918	1919 ¹
Horses.....	781,022	695,138
Mules.....	84,559	81,150
Asses.....	554,316	498,616
Cattle.....	6,851,924	5,575,488
Sheep (wooled).....	25,058,718	23,548,130
Sheep (other than woolled).....	4,855,317	4,943,370
Goats (angora).....	2,731,178	2,696,670
Goats (other than angora).....	5,287,693	3,145,600
Pigs.....	1,043,224	724,007
Ostriches.....	314,265	382,070

¹ Excluding Native Locations, Reserves, etc. Number enumerated in Native Locations, etc., in 1918, - Horses 103,138, mules 1,790, asses 80,729, cattle 1,680,270, sheep (wooled) 2,283,282, sheep other) 732,999, goats (angora) 160,714, goats (other) 2,584, - 278, pigs 382,659, ostriches not enumerated.

(Quarterly Abstract of Union of South Africa Statistics.)

GREAT BRITAIN:

Concerning the reduction in the number of sheep in Great Britain, Sir Henry Rew, K. C. B. during the International conference held by the (British) National Sheep Breeders' Association on June 28th, points out that the official agricultural returns (collected annually in June) are the only source of information, but they show the number of sheep over a period of 50 years. The period is divided into quinquennial sections and the number of sheep in each such five-year periods is estimated as follows:

1870-1874.....	28,600,000
1875-1879.....	28,400,000
1880-1884.....	25,300,000
1885-1889.....	25,800,000
1890-1894.....	27,600,000
1895-1899.....	26,600,000
1900-1904.....	25,900,000
1905-1909.....	26,700,000
1910-1914.....	25,400,000
1915-1919.....	23,700,000

(Consular Report.)

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COTTON.

EGYPT:

Acreage, yield per acre and production.

Season.	Acreage.	Yield per acre.	Production.
	Acres.	Pounds.	Bales of 478 lbs.
1913-1914.....	1,789,000	444	1,592,000
1914-1915.....	1,822,000	369	1,345,000
1915-1916.....	1,231,000	406	996,000
1916-1917.....	1,718,000	310	1,059,000
1917-1918.....	1,741,000	375	1,307,000
1918-1919.....	1,413,000	354	999,000
1919-1920	1,633,000	365	1,191,000
1920-1921 (1).....	1,972,000	400	1,575,000

(1) Estimated.

(The Near East, London.)

MEXICO (LOWER CALIFORNIA).

Revised acreage figures show an acreage of about 135,000 acres.
The estimated production for this year is still 70,000 bales.

***** (Consular Report.)
OLIVES.

ITALY:

The area cultivated in 1920 is estimated at 5,659,000 acres, against 5,683,000 acres in 1919 and 5,690,000 acres the five-year average 1914 to 1918, or 99.6% and 99.5% of the latter two areas respectively.

(International Institute of Agriculture.)

FLAX.

IRELAND:

The total production of Irish flax for 1919 is estimated at 13,720 tons, against 15,703 tons in 1918, 15,362 tons in 1917, and 14,492 tons in 1916.

SPECIFIED COUNTRIES:

The flax acreage for 1919 in specified countries is estimated as follows:

Ireland.....	95,610	acres.
Belgium.....	87,000	"
Japan.....	70,000	"
France.....	35,000	"
Netherlands.....	25,000	"
Canada.....	22,000	"
England.....	13,000	"
British East India	5,000	"
Egypt.....	2,000	"
Scotland.....	1,350	"

(Commerce Report.)

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